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## A Better Triangulation for Wright's $2^n$ -Ray Algorithm\*

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We give a triangulation for Wright's  $2^n$ -ray algorithm to compute solutions of nonlinear equations. According to measures of efficiency of triangulations, it is better than any other available triangulation for the  $2^n$ -ray algorithm. © 1997 Academic Press

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In [27] Wright proposed a variable dimension simplicial algorithm to compute solutions of nonlinear equations. It is called a  $2^n$ -ray algorithm. This type of algorithm was originated by Scarf in [21]. The subsequent developments of it can be found in [2, 4, 5, 7, 11–14, 16, 18, 22, 27, 28] and so on. For a survey on simplicial algorithms, see, e.g., [1]. We set  $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . For any  $m \in N$  and  $t \in \{-1, 1\}$ , we define  $W(m, t)$  by

$$W(m, t) = \{x \in R^n \mid |x_j| \leq tx_m, j \neq m\}.$$

Clearly, the union of all  $W(m, t)$ 's is equal to  $R^n$ . The  $2^n$ -ray algorithm needs a triangulation of  $R^n$ , the restriction of which on  $W(m, t)$  is a triangulation of  $W(m, t)$  for any  $m \in N$  and  $t \in \{-1, 1\}$ . The  $K_1$ -triangu-

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lation in [9] and  $J_1$ -triangulation in [23] are such available triangulations. Theoretical results and numerical experience have shown that the efficiency of simplicial algorithms depends heavily on the triangulations underlying them. For details, see [6, 8, 17, 23–25] and so on. In [3] the  $D_1$ -triangulation was proposed. According to measures of efficiency of triangulations, it is better than the  $K_1$ -triangulation and  $J_1$ -triangulation. However, the  $D_1$ -triangulation is not suitable for use in the  $2^n$ -ray algorithm. In this paper we give a triangulation for the  $2^n$ -ray algorithm, which is a modification of the  $D_1$ -triangulation. We call it the  $D_{v2}$ -triangulation. It has the same properties as the  $D_1$ -triangulation. Thus it is better than any other available triangulation for the  $2^n$ -ray algorithm. Although there are a few other attractive triangulations of  $R^n$  in [10, 15, 19, 20, 26], etc., it is complicated to obtain from them triangulations for use in the  $2^n$ -ray algorithm.

The paper is organized as follows. We give the  $D_{v2}$ -triangulation in Section 2. We describe pivot rules of the  $D_{v2}$ -triangulation in Section 3. We discuss properties of the  $D_{v2}$ -triangulation in Section 4.

## 2. $D_{v2}$ -TRIANGULATION

Throughout this paper we assume  $2 \leq n$ . When a triangulation of  $W(1, 1)$  is available, it is not difficult to obtain from it a triangulation of  $R^n$ , the restriction of which on  $W(m, t)$  is a triangulation of  $W(m, t)$  for any  $m \in N$  and  $t \in \{-1, 1\}$ . Therefore, as follows, we only give a triangulation of  $W(1, 1)$ .

We set  $D = \{y \in W(1, 1) \mid \text{components of } y \text{ are even}\}$ . Let  $y$  be a vector of  $D$ . For a given  $y$ , we define  $I(y)$  and  $J(y)$  by

$$I(y) = \{i \in N \mid y_1 = |y_i|\} \quad \text{and} \quad J(y) = \{j \in N \mid y_1 > |y_j|\}.$$

Let  $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)^\top$  be a sign vector such that if  $y_1 = 0$  then  $s_1 = 1$ , and that, for any  $i \in I(y)$  with  $i \neq 1$ , when  $s_1 = -1$ ,  $s_i = -1$  if  $y_i > 0$ , and  $s_i = 1$  if  $y_i < 0$ . We define  $K(y, s) = \{i \in I(y) \mid s_i y_i = y_1\}$ . Let  $l$  denote the number of elements in  $I(y)$  and  $h$  the number of elements in  $K(y, s)$ . Let  $\pi = (\pi(1), \pi(2), \dots, \pi(n))$  be a permutation of elements of  $N$  such that, for  $r$  with  $\pi(r) = 1$ , if  $h = 0$  then  $j > r$  for  $j \neq r$  with  $\pi(j) \in I(y)$  and if  $h > 0$  then  $j < r$  for  $j \neq r$  with  $\pi(j) \in K(y, s)$ . Let  $p$  be an integer with  $0 \leq p \leq n - 1$  satisfying that if  $h = 0$  then  $\{\pi(k) \mid p \leq k \leq n\} \neq I(y)$  and if  $h > 0$  then  $\{\pi(k) \mid p \leq k \leq n\} \neq \{\pi(k) \in K(y, s) \mid p \leq k \leq n\}$ . When  $h = 0$ , for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we define  $g(j) =$



$(g_1(j), g_2(j), \dots, g_n(j))^T$  by, if  $j = 1$ ,

$$g_i(j) = \begin{cases} s_i & \text{if } i \in I(y), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and by, if  $j \neq 1$ ,

$$g_i(j) = \begin{cases} s_i & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . When  $h > 0$ , for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we define  $g(\pi(j)) = (g_1(\pi(j)), g_2(\pi(j)), \dots, g_n(\pi(j)))^T$  by, if  $\pi(j) \in K(y, s)$ ,

$$g_i(\pi(j)) = \begin{cases} s_i & \text{if } i \in K(y, s) \text{ and } j \leq \pi^{-1}(i), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and by, if  $\pi(j) \notin K(y, s)$ ,

$$g_i(\pi(j)) = \begin{cases} s_{\pi(j)} & \text{if } i = \pi(j), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $u^i$  be the  $i$ th unit vector of  $R^n$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

DEFINITION 1. For any  $y, \pi, s$ , and  $p$  as above,  $y^0, y^1, \dots, y^n$  are given as follows.

If  $p = 0$  then  $y^0 = y$  and

$$y^k = y + g(\pi(k)), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

If  $p \geq 1$  then  $y^0 = y + s$  and

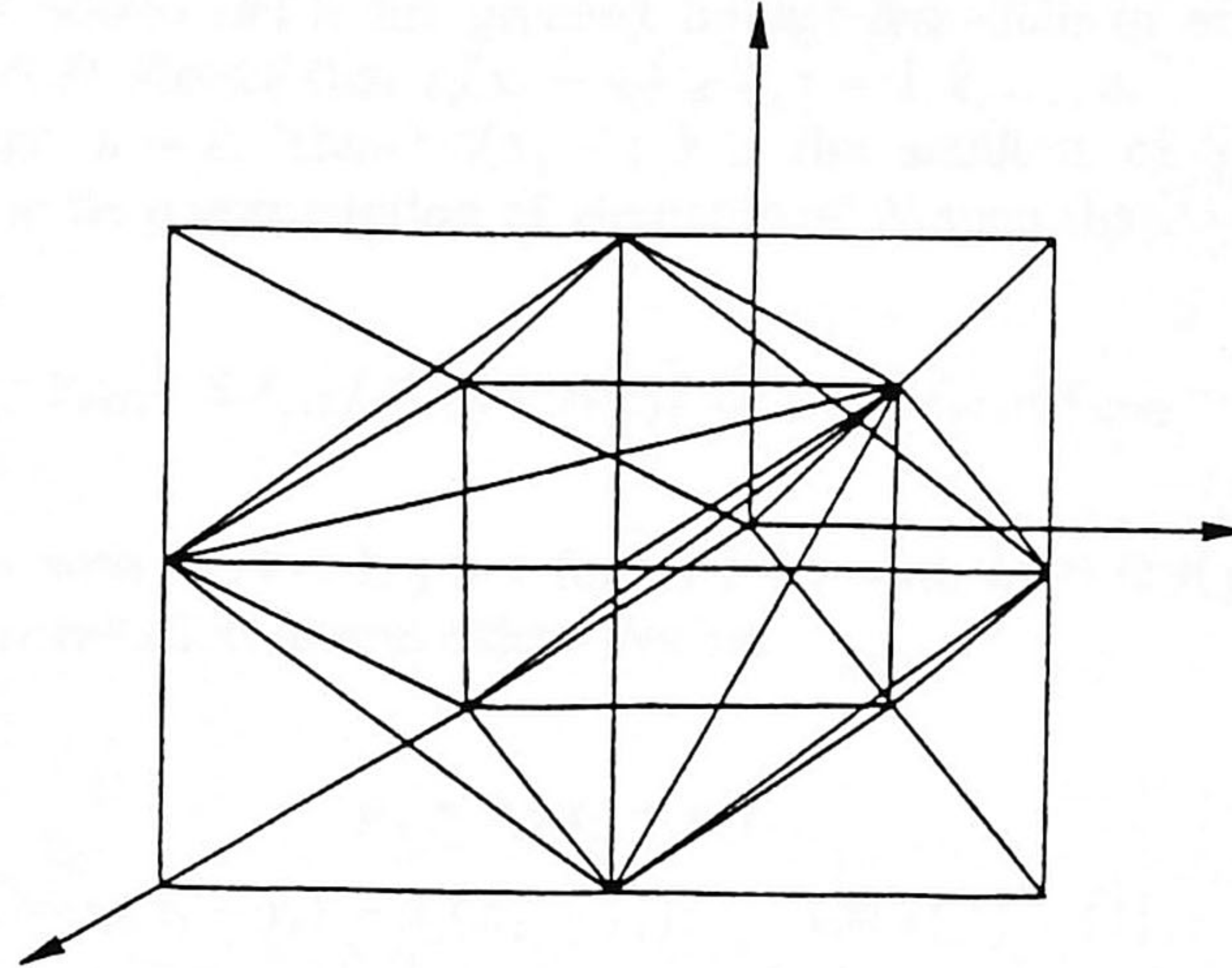
$$y^k = y^{k-1} - s_{\pi(k)} u^{\pi(k)}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, p-1,$$

$$y^k = y + g(\pi(k)), \quad k = p, \dots, n.$$

Let  $y^0, y^1, \dots, y^n$  be as above. Clearly, they are affinely independent. Thus their convex hull is a simplex. We denote it by  $D_{v_2}(y, \pi, s, p)$ . Let  $D_{v_2}$  be the set of all such simplices. We illustrate  $D_{v_2}$  for  $n = 3$  in Fig. 1. As follows, we show that  $D_{v_2}$  is a triangulation of  $W(1, 1)$ .

From Definition 1, it is not difficult to check that, for any  $\sigma^1$  and  $\sigma^2$  of  $D_{v_2}$ , the intersection of  $\sigma^1$  and  $\sigma^2$ ,  $\sigma^1 \cap \sigma^2$ , is either empty or a common face of both of them. Obviously, for any point of  $W(1, 1)$ , there is a neighborhood of it, which meets a finite number of simplices of  $D_{v_2}$ . Therefore, to demonstrate that  $D_{v_2}$  is a triangulation of  $W(1, 1)$ , we only need to show that the union of all simplices of  $D_{v_2}$  is equal to  $W(1, 1)$ .



FIG. 1.  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation of  $W(1, 1)$  for  $n = 3$ .

For any given  $y, \pi, s$ , and  $p$  as above, we define  $q$  by

$$q = |K(y, s) \cap \{\pi(k) \mid 1 \leq k < p\}|,$$

and let  $\pi(i_1), \pi(i_2), \dots, \pi(i_h)$  with  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_h$  denote elements in  $\{\pi(k) \in K(y, s) \mid 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ . When  $\pi(i) \in K(y, s)$  and  $i > i_{q+1}$ , we set  $i_{-1} = i_{k-1}$ , where  $k$  is the index with  $i = i_k$ .

LEMMA 1. *The union of all simplices of  $D_{v_2}$  is equal to  $W(1, 1)$ , i.e.,*

$$\bigcup_{\sigma \in D_{v_2}} \sigma = W(1, 1).$$

*Proof.* Clearly, every simplex in  $D_{v_2}$  lies in  $W(1, 1)$ . Let  $x$  be an arbitrary point of  $W(1, 1)$ . We show  $x \in D_{v_2}(y, \pi, s, p)$  with  $y, \pi, s, p$  determined as follows. Let  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T$  be given by

$$y_i = \begin{cases} \lfloor x_i \rfloor & \text{if } \lfloor x_i \rfloor \text{ is even,} \\ \lfloor x_i \rfloor + 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and let  $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)^T$  be given by

$$s_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lfloor x_i \rfloor \text{ is even,} \\ -1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$



$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , where  $\lfloor \theta \rfloor$  is the greatest integer less than or equal to  $\theta$ . Obviously,  $y \in D$ . Notice that  $s_i(x_i - y_i) \geq 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Suppose that  $h = 0$ . Then  $s_1(x_1 - y_1)$  is the smallest of  $s_i(x_i - y_i)$ ,  $i \in I(y)$ . Let  $\pi$  be a permutation of elements of  $N$  such that

$$s_{\pi(1)}(x_{\pi(1)} - y_{\pi(1)}) \leq s_{\pi(2)}(x_{\pi(2)} - y_{\pi(2)}) \leq \dots \leq s_{\pi(n)}(x_{\pi(n)} - y_{\pi(n)}),$$

and that, for  $r$  with  $\pi(r) = 1$ ,  $j > r$  for all  $j \neq r$  with  $\pi(j) \in I(y)$ . Notice that such a permutation always exists. We set

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1 &= s_1(x_1 - y_1), \\ \mu_i &= s_i(x_i - y_i) - s_1(x_1 - y_1), \quad i \in I(y) \setminus \{1\}, \\ \mu_j &= s_j(x_j - y_j), \quad j \in J(y). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j$ .

Suppose that  $\mu \leq 1$ . We set  $p = 0$ . Let  $\beta_0 = 1 - \mu$ , and  $\beta_i = \mu_{\pi(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Clearly,  $\beta_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\sum_{i=0}^n \beta_i = 1$ . From Definition 1, the vertices of  $D_{v2}(y, \pi, s, p)$  are given by  $y^0 = y$  and

$$y^k = y + g(\pi(k)), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

It is not difficult to check that  $x = \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_j y^j$ . Thus,  $x \in D_{v2}(y, \pi, s, p)$ .

Suppose that  $\mu > 1$ . Let  $p_{\max}$  denote the largest integer  $p$  with  $1 \leq p \leq n - 1$  such that  $\{\pi(k) \mid p \leq k \leq n\} \neq I(y)$ . We show that there exists some integer  $p$ , with  $2 \leq p \leq p_{\max}$  for  $l = n$  and  $1 \leq p \leq p_{\max}$  for  $l < n$ , such that the following  $\beta_j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , are nonnegative,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_0 &= s_{\pi(1)}(x_{\pi(1)} - y_{\pi(1)}), \\ \beta_1 &= s_{\pi(2)}(x_{\pi(2)} - y_{\pi(2)}) - s_{\pi(1)}(x_{\pi(1)} - y_{\pi(1)}), \\ &\dots \\ \beta_{p-2} &= s_{\pi(p-1)}(x_{\pi(p-1)} - y_{\pi(p-1)}) - s_{\pi(p-2)}(x_{\pi(p-2)} - y_{\pi(p-2)}), \\ \beta_{p-1} &= -s_{\pi(p-1)}(x_{\pi(p-1)} - y_{\pi(p-1)}) + \lambda_p, \\ \beta_k &= s_{\pi(k)}(x_{\pi(k)} - y_{\pi(k)}) - \alpha_k, \quad k = p, p+1, \dots, n, \end{aligned}$$



where

$$\lambda_p = \begin{cases} \frac{\sum_{j=p}^n s_{\pi(j)}(x_{\pi(j)} - y_{\pi(j)}) - 1}{n - p} & \text{if } r < p, \\ \frac{\sum_{j=p}^n s_{\pi(j)}(x_{\pi(j)} - y_{\pi(j)}) - 1 - (l - 1)s_1(x_1 - y_1)}{n - p - l + 1} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\alpha_k = \begin{cases} \lambda_p & \text{if } r < p \text{ or both } r \geq p \text{ and } \pi(k) \notin I(y) \setminus \{1\}, \\ s_1(x_1 - y_1) & \text{if } r \geq p \text{ and } \pi(k) \in I(y) \setminus \{1\}, \end{cases}$$

$k = p, p + 1, \dots, n$ .

If  $\beta_{p-1} \geq 0$  for  $p = p_{\max}$ , then  $\beta_k \geq 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , and we set  $p = p_{\max}$ . Suppose that  $\beta_{p-1} < 0$  for  $p = p_{\max}$ . Since  $\mu > 1$ , there exists some integer  $p_0$ , with  $2 \leq p_0 \leq p_{\max} - 1$  for  $l = n$  and  $1 \leq p_0 \leq p_{\max} - 1$  for  $l < n$ , such that

$$0 \leq -s_{\pi(p_0-1)}(x_{\pi(p_0-1)} - y_{\pi(p_0-1)}) + \lambda_{p_0}$$

and either both  $r = p_0 + 1$  and  $p_0 = n - l$  or

$$0 > -s_{\pi(p_0)}(x_{\pi(p_0)} - y_{\pi(p_0)}) + \lambda_{p_0+1}.$$

Thus,

$$s_{\pi(p_0)}(x_{\pi(p_0)} - y_{\pi(p_0)}) - \alpha_{p_0} \geq 0.$$

Hence, when we set  $p = p_0$ ,  $\beta_k \geq 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . Clearly,  $\sum_{k=0}^n \beta_k = 1$ . From Definition 1, the vertices of  $D_{v_2}(y, \pi, s, p)$  are given by  $y^0 = y + s$  and

$$\begin{aligned} y^k &= y^{k-1} - s_{\pi(k)}u^{\pi(k)}, & k &= 1, 2, \dots, p-1, \\ y^k &= y + g(\pi(k)), & k &= p, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

It is not difficult to check that  $x = \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_j y^j$ . Thus,  $x \in D_{v_2}(y, \pi, s, p)$ .

Suppose that  $h > 0$ . Let  $\pi$  be a permutation of elements of  $N$  such that

$$s_{\pi(1)}(x_{\pi(1)} - y_{\pi(1)}) \leq \dots \leq s_{\pi(n)}(x_{\pi(n)} - y_{\pi(n)}),$$

and that, for  $r$  with  $\pi(r) = 1$ ,  $j < r$  for all  $j \neq r$  with  $\pi(j) \in K(y, s)$ . Notice that such a permutation always exists. Let  $\mu_1 = s_1(x_1 - y_1)$  and  $\mu_i = s_i(x_i - y_i)$ ,  $i \in N \setminus K(y, s)$ . We set  $\mu = \mu_1 + \sum_{i \in N \setminus K(y, s)} \mu_i$ .



Suppose that  $\mu \leq 1$ . We set  $p = 0$ . Let  $\beta_0 = 1 - \mu$ , and

$$\beta_i = \begin{cases} s_{\pi(i)}(x_{\pi(i)} - y_{\pi(i)}) & \\ -s_{\pi(i-1)}(x_{\pi(i-1)} - y_{\pi(i-1)}) & \text{if } \pi(i) \in K(y, s) \text{ and } i > i_1, \\ s_{\pi(i)}(x_{\pi(i)} - y_{\pi(i)}) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Clearly,  $\beta_j \geq 0$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\sum_{j=0}^n \beta_j = 1$ . From Definition 1, the vertices of  $D_{v_2}(y, \pi, s, p)$  are given by  $y^0 = y$  and

$$y^k = y + g(\pi(k)), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

It is not difficult to check that  $x = \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_j y^j$ . Thus,  $x \in D_{v_2}(y, \pi, s, p)$ .

Suppose that  $\mu > 1$ . Let  $p_{\max}$  denote the largest integer  $p$  with  $1 \leq p \leq n-1$  such that  $\{\pi(k) \mid p \leq k \leq n\} \neq \{\pi(k) \in K(y, s) \mid p \leq k \leq n\}$ . We show that there exists some integer  $p$  with  $1 \leq p \leq p_{\max}$  such that the following  $\beta_j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , are nonnegative,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_0 &= s_{\pi(1)}(x_{\pi(1)} - y_{\pi(1)}), \\ \beta_1 &= s_{\pi(2)}(x_{\pi(2)} - y_{\pi(2)}) - s_{\pi(1)}(x_{\pi(1)} - y_{\pi(1)}), \\ &\dots \\ \beta_{p-2} &= s_{\pi(p-1)}(x_{\pi(p-1)} - y_{\pi(p-1)}) - s_{\pi(p-2)}(x_{\pi(p-2)} - y_{\pi(p-2)}), \\ \beta_{p-1} &= -s_{\pi(p-1)}(x_{\pi(p-1)} - y_{\pi(p-1)}) + c(p), \\ \beta_i &= s_{\pi(i)}(x_{\pi(i)} - y_{\pi(i)}) - \nu_i, \quad i = p, p+1, \dots, n, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c(p) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sum_{j=p}^n s_{\pi(j)}(x_{\pi(j)} - y_{\pi(j)}) - 1}{n-p} & \text{if } r < p, \\ \frac{\sum_{j=p}^n \rho_{\pi(j)} - 1}{n-p-h+q+1} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\rho_{\pi(j)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \pi(j) \in K(y, s) \text{ and } i_{q+1} \leq j < i_h, \\ s_{\pi(j)}(x_{\pi(j)} - y_{\pi(j)}) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$j = p, p+1, \dots, n$ , and where

$$\nu_i = \begin{cases} s_{\pi(i-1)}(x_{\pi(i-1)} - y_{\pi(i-1)}) & \text{if } i > i_{q+1} \text{ and } \pi(i) \in K(y, s), \\ c(p) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$i = p, p+1, \dots, n$ .



If  $\beta_{p-1} \geq 0$  for  $p = p_{\max}$ , then  $\beta_k \geq 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , and we set  $p = p_{\max}$ . Otherwise, since  $\mu > 1$ , there exists some integer  $p_0$  with  $1 \leq p_0 \leq p_{\max} - 1$  such that

$$0 \leq -s_{\pi(p_0-1)}(x_{\pi(p_0-1)} - y_{\pi(p_0-1)}) + c(p_0)$$

and

$$0 > -s_{\pi(p_0)}(x_{\pi(p_0)} - y_{\pi(p_0)}) + c(p_0 + 1).$$

Thus,

$$s_{\pi(p_0)}(x_{\pi(p_0)} - y_{\pi(p_0)}) - \nu_{p_0} \geq 0.$$

Hence, when we set  $p = p_0$ ,  $\beta_k \geq 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . Obviously,  $\sum_{j=0}^n \beta_j = 1$ . From Definition 1, the vertices of  $D_{v_2}(y, \pi, s, p)$  are given by  $y^0 = y + s$  and

$$y^k = y^{k-1} - s_{\pi(k)} u^{\pi(k)}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, p-1,$$

$$y^k = y + g(\pi(k)), \quad k = p, \dots, n.$$

It is not difficult to check that  $x = \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_j y^j$ . Thus  $x \in D_{v_2}(y, \pi, s, p)$ .

From the above discussions, the lemma follows immediately. ■

Now we obtain the following conclusion.

**THEOREM 1.**  $D_{v_2}$  is a triangulation of  $W(1, 1)$ .

We call it the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation of  $W(1, 1)$ .

### 3. PIVOT RULES OF THE $D_{v_2}$ -TRIANGULATION

To use the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation in the  $2^n$ -ray algorithm, we need its pivot rules, which show how to move from a simplex to its adjacent simplices. Let  $\sigma = D_{v_2}(y, \pi, s, p)$  be a simplex of the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation of  $W(1, 1)$  with vertices  $y^0, y^1, \dots, y^n$ . In the case that the facet of  $\sigma$  opposite to  $y^i$  doesn't lie in the boundary of  $W(1, 1)$ , we want to obtain the simplex  $\bar{\sigma} = D_{v_2}(\bar{y}, \bar{\pi}, \bar{s}, \bar{p})$ , which shares the facet with  $\sigma$ . We show how to obtain  $\bar{y}, \bar{\pi}, \bar{s}$ , and  $\bar{p}$  from  $y, \pi, s, p$ , and  $i$  in Table I, where  $j^*, p^\#, \pi^*$ , and  $p^*$  are given as follows:  $j^* = \pi(k)$  with  $k \neq i$ ,  $\pi(k) \neq 1$ , and  $n-2 \leq k \leq n$ . If  $\pi(n-1) = 1$ ,  $s_{\pi(n-1)} = -1$ , and  $\pi(k) \in I(\bar{y})$ ,  $k = n-1, n$ , then  $p^\# = p-1$ . If  $\pi(k) \in K(\bar{y}, \bar{s})$ ,  $k = n-1, n$ , then  $p^\#$  is the smallest integer such that  $\pi(j) \in K(\bar{y}, \bar{s})$ ,  $j = p^\# + 1, \dots, n$ . Otherwise,  $p^\# = p$ . If  $\pi(n) = 1$ ,  $s_{\pi(n)} = -1$ , and  $\pi(k) \in I(\bar{y})$ ,  $k = n-1, n$ , then  $\pi^* =$



$(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(n-2), \pi(n), \pi(n-1))$  and  $p^* = p - 1$ . If  $\pi(k) \in K(\bar{y}, \bar{s})$ ,  $k = n-1, n$ , then  $\pi^* = (\pi(1), \dots, \pi(n-2), \pi(n), \pi(n-1))$  and  $p^*$  is the smallest integer such that  $\pi(j) \in K(\bar{y}, \bar{s})$ ,  $j = p^* + 1, \dots, n$ . Otherwise,  $\pi^* = \pi$  and  $p^* = p$ . In Table I,  $BD$  means that the facet of  $\sigma$  opposite to  $y^i$  lies in the boundary of  $W(1, 1)$ .

#### 4. PROPERTIES OF THE $D_{v_2}$ -TRIANGULATION

Let  $H$  be a subset of  $N$  with  $1 \in H$ , and  $V = \{v_j \in \{-1, 1\} \mid j \in H \setminus \{1\}\}$ . For any given  $H$  and  $V$ , we set  $C(H, V) = \{x \in W(1, 1) \mid x_1 = v_j x_j, j \in H \setminus \{1\}\}$ . Clearly,  $C(H, V)$  is a face of  $W(1, 1)$ . We can treat  $x_j, j \in H$ , as one component. Therefore, we can obtain the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation of  $C(H, V)$  from Definition 1. Similarly to the  $K_1$ -triangulation and  $J_1$ -triangulation of  $W(1, 1)$ , the restriction of the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation of  $W(1, 1)$  on  $C(H, V)$  gives a triangulation of  $C(H, V)$ , which is the same as the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation of  $C(H, V)$ . Notice that when a unit cube is entirely contained in  $W(1, 1)$ , the restriction of the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation on it is the same as the  $D_1$ -triangulation. The number of simplices of the  $D_1$ -triangulation in an  $n$ -dimensional unit cube is equal to

$$N(D_1) = 2 + \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{n!}{(n-k+1)!}.$$

The number of simplices of the  $K_1$ -triangulation or  $J_1$ -triangulation in an  $n$ -dimensional unit cube is equal to

$$N(K_1) = N(J_1) = n!.$$

We know that  $N(D_1) < N(K_1)$  for  $3 \leq n$ , and  $N(D_1)/N(K_1)$  approaches to  $e - 2$  as  $n$  goes to infinity. It implies that the number of simplices of the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation is asymptotically about  $e - 2$  times that of the  $K_1$ -triangulation or  $J_1$ -triangulation. In addition, the diameter and average directional density of the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation are as good as those of the  $K_1$ -triangulation or  $J_1$ -triangulation, or even better since the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation is almost the same as the  $D_1$ -triangulation. Therefore, the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation is better than the  $K_1$ -triangulation and  $J_1$ -triangulation according to measures of efficiency of triangulations.

According to numerical tests we have done, as a triangulation for the  $2^n$ -ray algorithm, the  $D_{v_2}$ -triangulation is indeed better than the  $K_1$ -triangulation or  $J_1$ -triangulation.



TABLE I

| $i$                | $p$  |   |   |
|--------------------|--|---|---|
| 0                  | 0  | $h = 0$ $l = n$   | $n = 2$<br>$n \geq 3$   |
|                    |  | $l < n$<br>$h > 0$ $h = n$<br>$h < n$   |   |
| $1 \leq i \leq n$  | $\begin{matrix} 1 \\ p \geq 2 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$ | $h = 0$ $\pi(i) \in J(y)$ or $\pi(i) = 1$<br>$\pi(i) \in I(y), \pi(i) \neq 1$<br>$h > 0$ $\pi(i) \in K(y, s)$<br>$i_1 < i < \pi^{-1}(1)$<br>$i_1 < i = \pi^{-1}(1)$<br>$i = i_1$ or $\pi(i) \notin K(y, s)$ |   |
| $1 \leq i < p - 1$ |  | $h = 0$ $\pi(i) = 1$  | $\pi(i + 1) \in I(y)$<br>$\pi(i + 1) \notin I(y)$   |
|                    |  | $\pi(i) \neq 1$<br>$h > 0$ $\pi(i) \in K(y, s)$   | $\pi(i + 1) = 1$<br>$\pi(i + 1) \neq 1$   |
| $i = p - 1$        | $p \geq 2$                                       | $h = 0$ $\pi(i) \notin K(y, s)$<br>$\pi(k) \in I(y), k = p, \dots, n$<br>$\pi(i) = 1$<br>otherwise  |   |
| $p \leq i \leq n$  | $1 \leq p < n - 1$                               | $h > 0$<br>$h = 0$ $\pi^{-1}(1) < p$  |   |
|                    |  | $\pi(i) \in I(y)$<br>$\pi^{-1}(1) \geq p$   | $\pi(i) \neq 1$<br>$\pi(i) = 1$   |
|                    |  | $\pi(i) \notin I(y)$<br>$\pi^{-1}(1) \geq p$  | $p = n - 2, \pi(j) \in I(y)$<br>$j = p, \dots, n, j \neq i$<br>$p < n - 2, \pi(j) \in I(y)$<br>$j = p, \dots, n, j \neq i$<br>$\pi(j) \notin I(y)$ for<br>some $p \leq j \leq n, j \neq i$<br>$i_{q+1} < i < \pi^{-1}(1)$ |
|                    |  | $h > 0$ $\pi(i) \in K(y, s)$  |   |
|                    |  | $\pi(i) \notin K(y, s)$   | $i_{q+1} < i = \pi^{-1}(1)$<br>$i = i_{q+1}$  |
|                    | $1 \leq p = n - 1$                               | $i = n - 1$<br>$i = n$  | $\pi(j) \in K(y, s)$<br>$j = p, \dots, n, j \neq i$<br>$\pi(j) \notin K(y, s)$ for<br>some $p \leq j \leq n, j \neq i$  |



TABLE I—Continued

| $\bar{y}$                       | $\bar{s}$                       | $\bar{\pi}$  | $\bar{p}$ |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------|
| $y + 2s_{\pi(n)}u^{\pi(n)}$     | $s - 2s_{\pi(n)}u^{\pi(n)}$     | $\pi$  | 1         |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $\pi$  | 2         |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $\pi$  | 1         |
| $y + 2s_{\pi(n)}u^{\pi(n)}$     | $s - 2s_{\pi(n)}u^{\pi(n)}$     | $\pi$  | $n - 1$   |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $\pi$  | 1         |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $\pi$  | 0         |
| $y$                             | $s - 2s_{\pi(1)}u^{\pi(1)}$     | $\pi$  | $p$       |
| $y$                             | $s - 2s_{\pi(i)}u^{\pi(i)}$     | $\pi$  | $p$       |
| BD                              |                                 |  |           |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(i_{-1} - 1), \pi(i), \pi(i_{-1} + 1),$<br>$\dots, \pi(i - 1), \pi(i_{-1}), \pi(i + 1), \dots, \pi(n))$      | $p$       |
| BD                              |                                 |  |           |
| $y$                             | $s - 2s_{\pi(i)}u^{\pi(i)}$     | $(\pi(i), \pi(1), \dots, \pi(i - 1), \pi(i + 1), \dots, \pi(n))$   | $p$       |
| BD                              |                                 |  |           |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(i + 1), \pi(i), \dots, \pi(n))$   | $p$       |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(i + 1), \pi(i), \dots, \pi(n))$   | $p$       |
| BD                              |                                 |  |           |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(i + 1), \pi(i), \dots, \pi(n))$   | $p$       |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(i + 1), \pi(i), \dots, \pi(n))$   | $p$       |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $\pi$  | $p - 2$   |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $\pi$  | $p - 1$   |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $\pi$  | $p - 1$   |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(p - 1), \pi(i), \pi(p),$<br>$\dots, \pi(i - 1), \pi(i + 1), \dots, \pi(n))$                                 | $p + 1$   |
| BD                              |                                 |  |           |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(p - 1), \pi(i), \pi(p),$<br>$\dots, \pi(i - 1), \pi(i + 1), \dots, \pi(n))$                                 | $p + 1$   |
| $y + 2s_{j^*}u^{j^*}$           | $s - 2s_{j^*}u^{j^*}$           | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(p - 1), \pi(i), \pi(p),$<br>$\dots, \pi(i - 1), \pi(i + 1), \dots, \pi(n))$                                 | $p + 1$   |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(p - 1), \pi(i), \pi(p),$<br>$\dots, \pi(i - 1), \pi(i + 1), \dots, \pi(n))$                                 | $p + 2$   |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(p - 1), \pi(i), \pi(p),$<br>$\dots, \pi(i - 1), \pi(i + 1), \dots, \pi(n))$                                 | $p + 1$   |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(i_{-1} - 1), \pi(i),$<br>$\pi(i_{-1} + 1), \dots, \pi(i - 1),$<br>$\pi(i_{-1}), \pi(i + 1), \dots, \pi(n))$ | $p$       |
| BD                              |                                 |  |           |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(p - 1), \pi(i), \pi(p),$<br>$\dots, \pi(i - 1), \pi(i + 1), \dots, \pi(n))$                                 | $p + 1$   |
| $y + 2s_1u^1$                   | $s - 2s_1u^1$                   | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(p - 1), \pi(i), \pi(p),$<br>$\dots, \pi(i - 1), \pi(i + 1), \dots, \pi(n))$                                 | $n - 1$   |
| $y$                             | $s$                             | $(\pi(1), \dots, \pi(p - 1), \pi(i), \pi(p),$<br>$\dots, \pi(i - 1), \pi(i + 1), \dots, \pi(n))$                                 | $p + 1$   |
| $y + 2s_{\pi(n)}u^{\pi(n)}$     | $s - 2s_{\pi(n)}u^{\pi(n)}$     | $\pi$  | $p^{\#}$  |
| $y + 2s_{\pi(n-1)}u^{\pi(n-1)}$ | $s - 2s_{\pi(n-1)}u^{\pi(n-1)}$ | $\pi^*$  | $p^*$     |



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